

# **COLORADO METHAMPHETAMINE TASK FORCE**

**Meeting January 23, 2009**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**1144 Sherman St, Colorado Municipal League**

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**Chair** – Attorney General John Suthers

## **Vice –Chairs:**

- *Treatment* – Janet Wood, Director, Behavioral Health Services, CDHS
- *Prevention* – José Esquibel, Director, Interagency Prevention Systems, CDPHE
- *Law Enforcement* – Lori Moriarty, Retired Commander, Thornton Police, Department, North Metro Drug Task Force

## **Task Force Members Present:**

José Esquibel, Lori Moriarty, Keri Fitzpatrick for Jeanne Smith; Deb Campeau; John Bowers; Lloyd Malone; Wayne Maxwell; Kathryn Wells; Leslie Herod; Stan Hilkey; Nicolas Taylor; Angie Wickersham for Janet Rowland; Jade Thomas; James Hiatt; Tim Griffin; Nancy Burke

**Guest:** Brett Kessler, DDS; Bert Singleton; Leah Wallerstein, Judicial; Jenny Corvalan, Judicial; Jennifer Rivera; Julia Roguski, Savio; Jonathan Judge, CO Meth Project; Christine Agost, Denver DA & DEC

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved from Nov. 21, 2008 with noted corrections.

## **Announcement from Task Force Members:**

*Nick Taylor:*

Most excited thing that has happened was there was meeting of the forces in the western slope area. 3 counties met to form a western slope coalition. This coalition will be able to share resources and experiences. Thanks to Delta for getting this meeting together. Curielle Duffy is the main contract to do this work and Jade will be meeting with the coalition next week to see how the DEC can help them.

*Wayne Maxwell:*

Weld County has an active substance abuse prevention committee. After the airing of Crystal Darkness, there was a special energy within this group and they met to discuss how to move things forward. On February 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting to bring back the teams from the Summit to follow up meetings.

*Stan Hilkey:*

We are trying to start a council of “best practices” for all disciplines. I have been discussing this issue at all meetings that I attend in the law enforcement arena but I have not been getting any feedback. Law enforcement has a different idea of this task force does and once I explain the focus of this group then, the enforcement folks start to understand. Stan is going to start do individual interviews to draw out this information he needs. Probation did something different; they included a sheet of paper to help organized case files. This was something was so simple to do and it helped to increase the productivity.

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*Kathy Wells:*

Our group has met four times to discuss prenatal exposure and continue to get feedback from treatment, law enforcement and DAs. We are working on a policy statement regarding prenatal exposure. We will continue to have a core group meeting to further the work. In the Denver area we are finding that each hospital handles this issue differently. There is no consistency. Nationally, there is no standard to test newborn infants. There is statute under the children's code.

In June we are planning a facilitated a meeting to develop have a statement to share will all, including the legislators. We hope to create a policy that the hospitals can follow to protect the infants. We will keep the co-chairs informed and we would like to have the AG send out the invitation to the June meeting. It is suggested in order to make the meeting more useful and productive, send out some required reading ahead of time so that everyone can come prepared for this working meeting and this will ensure that we have the right people at the table. Feb 10<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting for this group. We are looking for representation from law enforcement and human services on this committee.

*John Bowers:*

Probations ITFT conference has been cancelled. We will be having a different conference on April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent to Jade regarding this conference.

*Bert Singleton:*

Access to Recovery (ATR) grant is very successful. We are almost out of money for year two. We will get carry over funds in March or April. We have had to scale back on goals. 60% of the funds were used by meth users, approx. 32,000. The grant has paid out 2 million dollars, 60% of vouchers are being cashed in. The most expensive vouchers are residential treatment vouchers. We are focusing on the support services right now as well as focusing on recruitment from faith-based organizations.

- Why are we funding general out-patient instead of long term? The Substance Abuse and mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) keeps changing their minds on what to do and what to focus on.
- Another challenge from a provider's lookout is we had no infrastructure so we built the structure and now there is no money.
- Nick suggests that the management team has an advisory council, so that we can be part of this. First, it would notify us sooner and second, I think we could really help with the recommendation.

*Christine Agost:*

Colorado Dec is signed sealed and ready to go. The one piece that is still being worked on is the Data collecting piece and we are working with OMNI through out drug court.

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*Jonathan Judge:*

The Colorado Meth Project is continuing fundraising work and has made several stops around the state to begin building collaborative partnerships for outreach. Thus far, we've begun work in Weld, Mesa, Delta and Montrose counties, with more on the way.

*Brett Kessler:*

At the recent Rocky Mountain Dental conference I spoke to about 100 dentists about meth patients and their needs. The presentation received high marks. We will be going to the Western Slope to discuss with the dentist to help them identify the patients. We are collecting pictures of patients before and after the work is done to help create the story of meth.

### **Task Force Legislation:**

Last meeting of this group is Nov. 2009. We need to have our state report done by September. We are hoping by next year that some plans are in place for pushing legislation through the next year session.

There is a recommendation in the State Meth Report. The report has been approved and on page 5, is the recommendation that was made to the legislation. There is a little time to put through new legislation. Is everyone comfortable with this recommendation? Yes.

Janet Rowland and Stan will meet with Senator Josh, from the Western Slope, to discuss backing the bill.

### **Collection of Best Practices: Jade Thomas**

We are trying to collect the Best Practices. We redesigned the form and created a survey to share with you. We want to put this on the web site and add it to the Blueprint.

The survey is 12 questions in survey monkey. We have struggled with what we wanted to collect. The survey takes about 10 minutes to do. The survey is very easy. Jade will be sending the link to the survey and a couple of examples. We are asking you to share this all your partners. We are looking for a complete picture of what is out there. The group would review all the data and see what needs to be put on the web site. We are thinking that the key examples will help provide guidance. We will do one for treatment, law enforcement and treatment. Explain what is going to be done with the information and it is a good place to show cases the information from their programs. Would you be willing to share this data? There is way to share this information without giving away trade secrets.

We are hoping to have this done by the July meeting and report out at the meeting. We are hoping that this survey will help find the gaps. We will probably do this in waves. We will target the gap areas. Are you willing to be contact by others? Add this to the survey.

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## **National Methamphetamine Summit Follow-up:**

### **Lori Moriarty**

An overview at last meeting: 20 states were represented and yesterday there was a phone conference. SAMSHA is willing to add technical assistance to the table. We listed about 20 items to the list. How do we start to connect local to state to national? Janet will be sending out the summit information. The sustained exposure to newborns is part of this and may be a perfect partnership for technical assistance to this.

There is a gay and lesbian group working with the HIV high risk for gay men. The group is working to enroll this population into ATR. TA can be used to identify someone local to provide TA.

The transformation grant is to begin working with the Behavioral Health Cabinet on a 5 – 10 year grant. Many of the cabinet members are in place. The first meeting is Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice will be included. If you would like to be part of this, send José or Lori an email. The short- term grant ends in October.

## **Meth Data: Next Steps**

### **José Esquibel**

There is nice data in the annual report. We are seeing more treatment needs per report. We need to continue to look at the data to see where we are and where we are going. We are still seeing more adults. By July we are hoping to get more robust data for the next report. We want to get a clear handle on what we want and how it looks. We want to give some ideas of what data we want to track. We are looking at holding 3 data committee meetings to make decisions. If you have data folks, both local and state, that should be on this committee we would like to invite them to be part of this.

What is the role of data and how do we want to use the data? We are looking at the data at the learning sites. We would like to have local communities look at their data. One of the things we need to do is to clarify protocols. One of the data sets we are missing is in the housing arena and clean-up as well as.

Lloyd Malone – In the child welfare arena there is not a simple way to collect data. There are a number of issues within the state system. Is there someone that we can work with? We would need to get a county person on this group. Counties all count the number of kids differently so we have no idea how many kids are impacted by substance abuse. There are a number of overlay issues, abuse, neglect, homelessness to name a few.

We will put you all on the cc list so that you are aware of them and where we are heading.

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### **Parole Data Collection Effort:**

#### **Tim Griffin, Community Parole, Colorado Dept of Corrections:**

We have an electronic data system through parole. You are able to get data anywhere. When you are on parole, the parolee must fill out a report form and on this form we have added number of children in home. The parole officer will interview people at the home, where the parolee will be going, and ask about the number of kids, name and age. This information is now added to the form. This will be done as a cross check with the forms the parolee fills out. We will also be able to identify the town, the parents/guardians. This is called the Child ID Form. There are 5 rules that the parole must follow, if they break one of 5 rules such as having a hot UA, this will go into a DEC data screen and then it will go into another database to be tracked. This is instant information.

We are hoping to have this system ready in the next couple of weeks. Denver is currently running this program as is Weld, Mesa and county in the south. We will be expanding this with training. In the next six months we would like to be able to check the data and pull out reports. We are working with parole right now and we will be going to other agencies.

We have some lessons learned from this process:

- We have found if you can get through this without telling each other what to do and to realize we just need to give them the knowledge to the job.
- We are trying to make each others jobs easier. We are also hoping to have the system automatically send an email to the parole officer or social worker.
- After training with Tim, maybe get a site with a social worker to get their input. It would be helpful to work on both sides.
- Just use one county as a learning community to test this project. This is not intended to make-work harder.

### **Crystal Darkness:**

#### **Jade Thomas**

Phone lines were busy during the entire airing. The phone people had great questions regarding the program. A special thanks to Jade who did a great job with the getting this project organized and aired. Also, a special thanks to the AG and the co-chairs. You can use this presentation as an educational/training tool, or use part of it to put into power point.

There was a small fundraising committee to raise the money requested. The budget was \$100,000. \$75,000 of that was to go to the group that produced Crystal Darkness. When we first started this project we made it clear to them that we didn't have the money, and really had no time to do fundraising. We were only able to raise \$25,000 of the money. Working with this group wasn't very easy, they continued to raise the questions of payment and we again told up front that we can't afford the program. The public is able

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to purchase the CD they sell at \$18 and the group keeps the money. At this time they keep asking us to keep moving to the next step of the program and we are not interested.

### **Comments:**

- Are we sure that all the people were paid to do this? Yes, travel time and staff time was paid for.
- Over half a million people saw it. Over 500 phone calls to the 211 centers. Details on calls will be coming. Wrap up meeting in the Feb. Jade will have all the numbers then.
- Do we need the toolkit? Communities can decide that issue.
- All calls were able to get through. No calls were missed.
- Follow up – will be with the communities. Perhaps this could be with the Colorado Meth Project.

### **Learning Sites:**

In the last couple of months with the changes in the office, Jade Thomas worked with the learning sites as well as other communities around the state. She is traveling around the state visiting different sites; using the lessons learned we are taking the information to the other sites. Our original sites were chosen because they would all ready organize and had coalitions in place.

At the Division of Behavioral Health are the Regional Prevention Specialist (RPS) and the RPS have contacts within the communities that may be able to help you.

When we do the DEC conference we will use the learning sites to do presentation and bring the other sites to the training to help them learn. It will cost approximately \$3,000 to do this conference. Statewide DEC will also help with this conference.

### **Colorado DEC Updates:**

- The State Meth Task Force and Colorado DEC received funding from the Daniels Fund that will last another 18 months.
- How do we keep the partnership work of the State Meth Task Force and Colorado DEC going? We will need to figure this out. What does \$130,000 per year do? It keeps helps build capacity in local communities and provides staff for conducting this work as well as maintaining the web site.
- Can we find a state Senator or Representative that would sponsor a bill that would add a surcharge to child welfare activities?
- We need to find ways to show the legislature how to save money funding prevention programs.

### **Colorado Meth Project:**

Dr. Nick Taylor was originally an opponent to the Montana Meth Project but has to come respect some of their work through conversation and dialogue. It is better to be part of

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this project and shape it into what we want. There are a number of opportunities that can come from this work through collaboration.

The prevention people in the state are very negative about the Colorado Meth Project. Will there be a middle ground to work with this? What is it?

- The Colorado Meth Project will be launching the media campaign in 2009 and a great community outreach. The project is being implementing somewhat differently in Colorado. Staff is meeting with stakeholders from various counties. Our communities use evidence-based data. Montana Meth Project is based on messages to youth.
- The concern is that prevention communities see this as a fear campaign. The message comes from teens to show the fear. All the pieces are here but if the fear is there, you will not be able to overcome it. The best part of the Meth Project campaign is the radio ads. These are great.
- If we, as the Meth Task Force, could come to consensus on this and find a way to define the Colorado Meth Project it would add validation to the work.

### **Membership of the State Meth Task Force**

There is a list of who should be at the table and it is time to expand the membership list. We need more law enforcement at the table. Jade has the list. Other areas to consider: Dentist, HIV/AIDS, and Environmental Health. Make a broader list of meth invitees and other as determine by the task force.

### **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

Are there any key topics that need to be on the next meeting's agenda?

- Recommendations regarding our feeling for the Colorado Meth Project need to be noted.
- Invite legislators to address the group.
- Invite drug free communities to this meeting.
- Budget issues need to be addressed again
- Presentation from the communities – Jade has a list to choose from.

Read the state report and it was well done. Great report!!

**Next Meeting is March 27, 2009**